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1. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING HAS PROGRESSED THROUGH TWO DAYS OF COMPARATIVELY COLORLESS SPEECHES CONCERNING TOPIC OF PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL OF GOVERNMENTS. REPRESENTATIVE ST. GEORGE AND SENATOR FLANTERS BOTH FORCEFULLY OPPOSED ENCROACHMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL POWERS ON PREROGATIVES OF PARLIAMENTS. THEY SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATES WHO ATTACKED SOVIET PARLIAMENT AS PUPPET OF KREMLIN.

2. LOBBYING CONTINUES FOR PRESIDENT OF IPU TO REPLACE STANSGATE WITH CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE PISANELLI OF ITALY PROFITING FROM FACT HIS SOCILIST OPPONENT, FINN MOE OF NORWAY, HAS NOT TURNED UP IN LONDON TO PRESS HIS OWN CANDIDACY. PISANELLI ALSO ABLE BECOME BETTER KNOWN TO DELEGATES BY SERVING AS ACTING PRESIDENT DURING PART OF CONFERENCE WHEN STANSGATE ILL. LIKELIHOOD IS HE WILL DEFEAT BOTH MOE AND SOVIET-BACKED CANDIDATE, INDIAN DELEGATE KUNZRU; WHO MAY WITHDRAW HIS NAME.

3. COMMITTEES ATTACHED TO IPU WHICH PARALLEL ROUGHLY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, UNESCO, ECOSOC OF UN WILL BRING IN REPORTS SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN FOR APPROVAL BY PLENARY. INDICATIONS ARE THAT COMMITTEE REPORTS WILL BE UNOBJECTIONABLE FROM WESTERN VIEWPOINT, AND IN FACT SOVIET AND SATELLITE DELEGATES HAVE LAIN LOW SO FAR DURING THIS IPU SESSION.

4. NEXT MEETING OF IPU SCHEDULED FOR 10 JULY, 1958.

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